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STEPS TO INCREASE SOFTWARE EXPORTS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

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(a) whether software exports from Karnataka jumped 52 percent during 2004-05 touching Rs.27,600 crores.

(b) if so, the main reasons for this increase and the extent to which it registered increase over the previous years;

(c) the target fixed for software exports from Karnataka during the current year;

(d) the total additional jobs created in IT sector during the said period; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Union/State Governments to increase the software exports and jobs during the next year?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a): The value of software exports from Karnataka has increased from Rs.18,100 crore in 2003-04 to Rs.27600 crore in the year 2004- 2005, registering a growth rate of 52% over the preceding year.

(b): The main reasons include:•

- Global economy is in rising mode.•
- Information and Communication Technology (ICT) is fast developing
- ICT friendly atmosphere in the state.

(c): The expected growth of software exports from Karnataka during the year 2005-06 is about 28-30% of the pervious year.

(d): An additional 50,000 jobs are estimated to be created in Karnataka.

(e): The following steps are being taken by DIT, Govt. of India through its STPI (Software Technology Parks of India) and Government of Karnataka to increase software exports:•

- Promoting the secondary cities at Mangalore, Mysore, Hubli, and Gulbarg in Karnataka.•
- A Technology Park with state-of-the-art facilities has been set up at Hubli.•
- Earth stations and incubation centers are being set up at Belgaum and Gulbarga cities.